

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 to 4 and 11 to 43 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1, 4, 13, 17, 19, 23, 25, 26, 42 and 43 are the independent claims. In the above amendments, claims 1 to 4 and 11 to 26 have been amended, claims 5, 7 and 8 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, and new claims 27 to 43 have been added. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments are fully supported by the specification and figures as originally filed, including, by way of example, paragraphs [1020], [1021], [1031] to [1033], [1043] to [1049], Figures 8 and 9, and original claims 6 and 10.

### *Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103*

Claims 1 to 3, 7 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,330,456 (“Hashem”) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0066772 (“Moon”); claims 4 to 6, 8, 11, 17, 18, and 23 to 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over International Patent Application Publication No. WO 99/53630 (“Knutsson”) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0105929 (“Chen”); and claims 16 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Knutsson in view of Hashem. While claims 13, 14, 15, 19, 20 and 21 were not specifically identified as rejected on page 5 of the Office Action, Applicant understands these claims to have been rejected over Knutsson and Hashem, in view of the discussion of these claims on pages 7 and 8 of the Office Action. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

### *Summary of Interview*

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant’s representatives in the telephonic interview conducted on March 20, 2008, in which the foregoing claim rejections were discussed. As agreed in the interview, nowhere are the applied references seen to disclose or suggest, whether taken alone or in combination, (i) generating a link quality estimation in response to a forward link power control instruction received on a forward link, and generating a reverse link power control instruction in response to the link quality estimation (as in independent claims 1, 13, 19, 25 and 42) or (ii) determining a reverse link power control instruction received on a reverse link and adjusting a transmission power level of a forward link power control instruction on a forward link based on the reverse link power control instruction

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(as in independent claims 4, 17, 23, 26 and 43). Rather, the applied references are merely directed to power control of a reverse link based upon the strength of a reverse link signal received at a base station. *Cf. e.g., ¶ [1021].*


### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, all of the claims under consideration are believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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Respectfully submitted,

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